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SPECIAL GRAZING SERVICE EXHIBIT

In honor of the visitors from South American republics who are in Washington to participate in the Eighth American Scientific Congress convening between May 10 and 18, a special Grazing Service exhibit is on display in the Art Gallery of the Interior Building.

The exhibit which is composed of maps, charts, and photographs--some of which were provided by field offices--is built around the theme of western range life and depicts the problems that are inherent where grass is the principal natural resource and stockraising an important means of earning a livelihood.

In extending an invitation to the delegates to the Congress to view the exhibit, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes made the following statement:

Pastoral pursuits have always been one of the principal occupations of the human race. The livestock industry in the United States had its beginning in 1540 when Coronado led his courageous band of explorers into what is now New Mexico. The Spanish dons and the mission padres quickly realized the possibilities of grazing their sheep and cattle on the mountain ranges in summer and on the broad flat valley land in the winter. From the early Spanish expeditions into what is now United States territory sprang the foundation herds of our present range livestock industry. It is fitting that this country on the 400th anniversary of Coronado's expedition should not only be celebrating that notable event but also at the same time have the honor of entertaining the distinguished visitors from the Pan American governments on the occasion of the Eighth American Scientific Congress.

Four hundred years have witnessed tremendous changes in the cattle country of the West. Four centuries of pioneering and exploitation are now being succeeded by a new era of conservation. The livestock industry, one of America's greatest, depends upon prudent use and management of the range resources in order that it may continue to survive and prosper.

To foster that principle, Congress passed the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934. The Grazing Service, Department of the Interior, with the help of the local stockmen, is carrying out the purpose of this act on more than 140,000,000 acres of Federal range.

15th PERIOD CAMP PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The camp program of the Grazing Service for the 15th enrollment period (April 1, 1940 to October 1, 1940) calls for 89 camps to be administered by this Service in the following locations:

Region 2, Utah

G-26, Jericho
G-27, Castledale
G-29, Antelope Springs
G-31, Vernal
G-32, Dalton Wells
G-34, Blanding
G-103, Park Valley
G-114, Hanksville
G-115, Greenriver
G-116, Callao
G-117, Burbank
G-154, Simpson Springs
G-156, Eight Mile
G-160, Hurricane
G-135, Milford
(Until Ogden Bay
Biological Survey
camp completed)

Region 5, Idaho

G-94, Midway
G-95, Salmon
G-97, Kiamama
G-98, Dubois
G-99, Mt. Home
G-110, Three Creek
G-111, Chilly
G-144, Woodriver
G-171, Mud Flat
G-172, Riddle

Region 8, Colorado

G-2, Grand Junction
G-11, Redvale
G-65, Massadona
G-79, Gunnison
G-80, Walden
G-81, Two Bar Ranch
G-107, Piceance Creek
G-125, Paradox

Region 3, Nev-Cal

G-13, Secret Valley
G-15, Juniper Flats
G-16, Sunnyside
G-19, Delmue
G-21, Indian Springs
G-82, Warm Creek
G-83, Tuscarora
G-85, Quinn River
G-86, Gerlach
G-87, Minden
G-108, Hubbard Ranch
G-118, Twin Bridges
G-119, Hawthorne
G-120, Golconda
G-121, Cherry Creek
G-122, Las Vegas
G-124, Westgate
G-128, Mason Valley
G-129, Lovelock

Region 6, Montana

G-72, Bridger
G-127, Whitehall
G-167, Fort Peck
G-168, Landusky
G-169, Ekalaka

Region 9, Arizona

G-133, Kingman
G-135, Short Creek
G-136, Duncan (until
G-173 completed)
G-137, Solomonville
G-170, Fredonia
G-173, Antelope Spgs.

Region 4, Oregon

G-68, Frederick Butte
G-90, Harper
G-91, Alkali Lake
G-93, Keating
G-112, Gap Ranch
G-126, McDermitt Creek
G-130, Buena Vista
G-152, Bear Creek
G-166, Rome

Region 7, New Mexico

G-36, Mirage
G-37, Engle
G-39, Tularosa
G-69, Prather Well
G-101, Bloomfield
G-123, Quemado
G-147, San Antonio
G-148, Carlsbad
G-149, Roswell
G-150, Columbus

Region 10, Wyoming

G-25, Basin
G-52, Worland
G-74, Split Rock
G-75, Big Pincy
G-76, Green River
G-77, Rawlins
G-78, Kemmerer
G-113, Baggs
G-134, Shoshoni

CCC CAMP CLEANS CARBON COUNTY

April 27 was "Clean Up Day" for Camp G-113, Baggs (Carbon County), Wyoming. The boys gathered and buried rubbish found along the roadsides, stock trails and other places. They also distributed circulars stating that all trash piled near the roadside would be hauled away free of charge. The Rawlings Republican extended the thanks of Carbon Countyites and reported that the "whole countryside now looks spic and span!"

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MONTANA MEETING

A meeting of representatives of all cooperative grazing districts in Montana is to be held at Glasgow, Montana, on June 3 and 4. The program will include addresses by E. J. Axline of the Grazing Service; Mr. Millburn, Chairman of the Montana Grass Conservation Commission; and Mr. Lord of the Extension Service. All advisory board members of Montana Grazing Districts have been invited to attend the meeting.

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A REMINDER

A two and a half foot rattle snake found wound around a post near the Bridger, Montana camp was a reminder to the fellows in camp that now is the time to keep their snake bite kits handy!

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SUMMARY OF GRAZING LICENSES ISSUED FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1939

Number of districts	53
Number of licenses	20,609
Cattle licensed	1,573,022
Horses licensed	106,368
Sheep licensed	10,116,322
Goats licensed	135,252
Total livestock licensed	11,930,964

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CORRECTION

In the April 26 issue of the Range Rider mention was made of Assistant Chief of Range Improvement Heltman's opportunity to address the advisory board at Montrose, Colorado. This was the board of District No. 3—not "District No. 6."

ANNIVERSARIES

On May 8, 1940, the Range Rider had completed one year of publication. This reminds us that another birthday comes up next month when the Taylor Grazing Act will be six years old. Special mention of this fact will be made in the June issue of The Grazing Bulletin.

The June bulletin will feature stories about the Squaw Butte Range Station and an article pertaining to range management by Ed Kavanagh. It is planned to have the bulletin ready for distribution at the time the Squaw Butte station holds its field day celebration on June 22.

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One of the maps used in the special Grazing Service exhibit mentioned on the first page of this Range Rider was drafted by J. L. Jones, a young man in a Grazing Service CCC camp who, when selected to go into the drafting office less than two years ago, was an assistant to the carpenter at the camp and had never had a drafting instrument or drafting pen in his hand!

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SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT

We recently read a letter from Grazier Aide Harvey Salmon in the New Mexico region's news letter which told of small bands of deer being seen grazing near ranches in New Mexico District No. 2-A. This is an unusual sight today although "old timers" tell of deer and antelope being numerous in this section in early days. As the ranges were overcrowded and overgrazed, however, these animals were pushed back into the rough country of the Mesa Mountains where a game refuge was established.

This little incident is important in that it indicates the effect of control of the nomad stockman and the rehabilitation of the range.

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AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Messrs. Ryan, Falck, Kerr, and Kavanagh represented the Grazing Service at a conference with representatives of interested bureaus of the Interior and Agriculture Departments, on April 4, to discuss the possibility of cooperation in aerial photography of areas in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. At this meeting it was agreed to request field offices to indicate their desires for aerial mapping throughout the entire West for consideration at another conference in the near future.

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Miss Ida Asrican of the Wyoming regional office is in Washington for a few weeks and is taking advantage of the opportunity to learn Washington office procedure. We are awfully glad to have such an attractive young lady with us. Miss her, Wyoming?